



West Valley Demonstration Project, West Valley, New York

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DOE Names Bryan C. Bower West Valley Demonstration Project Director

WEST VALLEY - The Department of Energy (DOE) announced today the appointment of Bryan C. Bower as Director of the West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP) in West Valley, New York. The West Valley Demonstration Project is located in DOE's Office of Environmental Management (EM) organization. The Director reports to Ms. Cynthia Anderson, Director, Office of Site Support and Small Projects. The appointment was effective July 9, 2006.

Mr. Bower served most recently as WVDP's Acting Director. Prior to his current post, he filled various roles over an eleven year period with the WVDP. He has also served as the Performance Assessment Manager for DOE's Office of Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Program in Germantown, MD; Waste Operations Manager for the DOE WIPP Project Office in Carlsbad, NM; Component Test Engineer, 6585th Test Group, Holloman Air Force Base, NM; and as a Physics Laboratory Instructor for the New Mexico State University in Alamogordo, NM.

Mr. Bower served for five years in the United States Air Force, where he achieved the rank of Captain. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Nuclear Engineering from the Pennsylvania State University.

As Director of DOE's West Valley Demonstration Project, Mr. Bower's principal focus will be on guiding DOE's on-site effort to develop reasonable alternatives for meeting the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's radiological decommissioning criteria to enable eventual site closure.

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